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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
HITOSHI SAKAMOTO, ET AL. : EXAMINER:
SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :
FILED: HEREWITH : GROUP ART UNIT:
FOR: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR :
THE FORMATION OF A METAL FILM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.